



Cross Site Location Jacking (XSLJ) (not really)

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Fun With Redirects

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About us...

- Eduardo Vela Nava (sirdarckcat)

- Enjoys

- ▶ Making up absurd names for presentation titles
- ▶ Managing IBOS (International Buzzword Organization for Security)
- ▶ Hacking on anything produced by google|microsoft

About us...

- David Lindsay (thornmaker)

- Enjoys

- ▶ TV shows about likeable serial killers
- ▶ Finnish chocolate
- ▶ Finnish sauna

- Works for Cigital Inc

- ▶ Offices in USA, England, and Amsterdam
- ▶ And yes, we're hiring :)

Redirects

- 300 Multiple Choice
- 301 Moved Permanently
- 302 Found
- 303 See Other
- 307 Temporary Redirect

Location Header

- Contains destination of redirect
- Location: <http://example.org>
- Cannot redirect to javascript:
- That's all, right?
- Nope...

Refresh

- Refresh: 0; url=http://example.org
- The initial 0 is the time delay before redirection
- Works with status code 200, and many others

Meta Redirects

- `<meta http-equiv="Refresh" content="0; url=http://www.example.com/" />`
- Location header redirect always trumps

JavaScript Redirects

- `window.open('http://0x.lv')`
- `location.replace('http://0x.lv')`
- `location.assign('http://0x.lv')`
- `location.href='http://0x.lv/'`
- `location='http://0x.v/'`
- `location.port='8080' //sorta`
- `etc...`
- `document.URL` (IE only)
- `URL` (in event handlers, IE only)

Others methods

■ Flash

- ▶ LoadVars().send()
- ▶ getURL()
- ▶ etc

■ PDFs

■ Java

■ Special URI handlers

■ and more

Owasp Top 10

- 2010 version of Owasp Top 10
- http://owasptop10.googlecode.com/files/OWASP_Top_10_-_2010.pdf
- "Attacker links to unvalidated redirect and tricks victims into clicking it."
- Unvalidated redirect?
- `http://example.com/redirect?url=0x.lv`

Open Redirects

Security Problem?

Yes!

- They enable phishing/malware.
- Make browser/plugin vulnerabilities exploitable.
- Break trust on whitelists of URLs for resources.

No!

- If you take care of phishing/malware.
- If you decide to require browser/plugin vendors to fix vulns.
- If you decide not to trust, and tell everyone not to trust whitelists on your applications.
- It's hard.. very hard.

Open Redirects

Security Problem?

More or less

- You have to remember you have open redirects.
- You have to find an alternative for URL whitelists.
- You have to rely on the security of browser/plugin vendors.

Generally?

- You have to assume everyone has open redirects.
- You can't use URL whitelists most of the times.
- C'est la vie.
- You may as well just use them..

Open Redirects

Are open redirects ever useful?

Sometimes...

- Track user clicks/activities (a@ping didn't work).
- Handle complex session interaction (login/logout).
- Interrupt/modify navigation flow.
- etc..

Open Redirects

Solutions?

- Attempt #1: Signing/encrypting the URL to redirect.
- FAIL: If attacker can just let you sign it for them.
- Attempt #2: Check the URL, and verify who it belongs to
- FAIL: URLs aren't easy to parse, everyone does it differently:

Following demos and more available at:
<http://www.sirdarckcat.net/uritest.html>

URL Parsing

URL Parsing is hard.

- Example 1 (fixed, found by WHK):

`http://www.google.com/url?q=http://evil.com/` <- Error

`http://www.google.com/url?q=http://google.com/` <- OK

`http://www.google.com/url?q=http:///evil.com/` <- OK

How do you parse `http:///evil.com/attack?` (with 3 /)

<code>http: -> scheme</code> <code>/// -> scheme-host separator</code> <code>evil.com -> hostname</code> <code>/ -> host-path separator</code> <code>attack -> path</code>	<code>http: -> scheme</code> <code>// -> scheme-host separator</code> <code>-> hostname</code> <code>/ -> host-path separator</code> <code>evil.com/attack -> path</code>
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URL Parsing

- Example 2 (unfixed, PHP):

We have: `http://hostname/path/to/file.php`

`PHP_SELF = /path/to/file.php`

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`http://hostname//www.google.com%2F../path/to/file.php`

We have: ``

Links to: `http://www.google.com/`

``

`http://www.google.com/`

How to parse URLs correctly?

Don't try to do it! (or at least be very careful when you do)

- Even if you get it right, browsers won't.
- Simple examples (all your answers will be wrong):

How to do it correctly?

Whats the TLD?

`http://facebook.com` vs `http://google.com` vs `http://yahoo.com`

It depends!!!

How to do it correctly?

What's the hostname?

<http://www.google.com/>

When the URL is loaded at <http://www.example.com/>
then it will point to

<http://www.example.com/www.google.com>

When the URL is loaded at <https://ssl.example.com/>
then it will point to <http://www.google.com/> or to

<https://ssl.example.com/http://www.google.com>

(depending upon the browser)

How to do it correctly?

Which domain will be loaded?

`http://google.com:paypal.com/`

Firefox 3.5 and Opera will send you to google.com

Other browsers will give an error

URL Parsing

All exceptions we've found are each a different judgment call on an unexpected situation.

- URLs represent:

- ▶ Relative links (to the current document? not really)
- ▶ Absolute links (how to know if they are absolute?)

- People will tell you there are rules, don't believe them.

- RFC's are not as clear as they could be.

- HTML5 refers you to the unclear RFC's.

- Lot's of implementation differences.

Exceptions

Note the following sites allow redirects:

1. Search engines (google/bing/yahoo)
2. Some login sites (facebook/youtube)
3. OpenID customers/providers (almost all.. a few don't)

Conclusion..

- Don't trust hostname-based whitelists unless you are completely sure they don't have open redirects.
- Check how your URL parser behaves on several browsers.
- Redirects are a main component of HTTP functionality.. we won't take them away, and they are used a lot.
- They are dangerous because of developers that forget about them.

Reminder

URLs are evil!

Even if you check that the URL you are loading is

- `http://www.ponies.com/`

It may endup redirecting to

- `file:///etc/shadow`

URLs don't represent a resource, and they are not uniform..

Remember URLs as: Unfortunate Redirect Launchers

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URL Shorteners - <rant>

- URL shorteners are EVIL! Why?
- Condition users to click links that take them to an unknown location
 - ▶ <http://www.example.com/redirect?url=http://evilwebsite.com/pwnz.html> <--- looks a bit suspicious, right?
 - ▶ <http://www.example.com/redirect?url=%68%74%74%70%3A%2F%2F%65%76%69%6C%77%65%62%73%69%74%65%2E%63%6F%6D%2F%70%77%6E%7A%2E%70%68%70> <--- a bit suspicious still, no?
 - ▶ <http://tinyurl.com/36lnj2a> <--- When was the last time you clicked on a link just like this?

URL Shorteners (rant continued)

- Theory is one thing... what about real life?
- https://blogs.apache.org/infra/entry/apache_org_04_09_2010 (09.April.2010)
- Jira message (05.April.2010):
ive got this error while browsing some projects
in jira <http://tinyurl.com/XXXXXXXXXX>

URL Shorteners (rant continued)

■ What were the consequences?

- ▶ Clicking on tinyurl.com clink -> XSS
- ▶ XSS + Bruteforcing login -> Compromised JIRA admin account
- ▶ -> disable notifications
- ▶ -> change upload path
- ▶ -> upload JSP files
- ▶ -> copy user's home directories + backdoor access
- ▶ -> install jar file to collect logins + passwords
- ▶ -> use admin's password to access other server with root privileges
- ▶ -> use cached svn passwords to access other server

URL Shorteners (rant continued)

- Can URL shorteners be made more secure?
- Blacklisting destinations? um... no.
- Whitelisting destinations? better but no. wouldn't have helped apache.
- Request Policy (FF Extension): prompts on every redirect. Can be annoying but is configurable.
- Mandatory page preview e.g.
<http://tinyurl.com/preview.php>
- </rant>

Reading Redirects

- If a page makes a request for a URL which is redirected, the launching page cannot access the destination URL
- Why? The launching page could learn sensitive information such as login names, user IDs, authentication and authorization tokens (in the URL) and so forth

Reading Redirects – First known example

- Martin Straka -

<http://www.mozilla.org/security/announce/2008/mfsa2008-10.html>

- URL token stealing via stylesheet redirect
- ".href property of stylesheet DOM nodes [...] reflect the final URI of the stylesheet after following any 302 redirects"

Reading Redirects – Second example

- Cesar Cerrudo -
<http://nomorerooot.blogspot.com/2010/01/little-bug-in-safari-and-google-chrome.html>
- Exact same issue with webkit (was fixed)
- "There are still similar redirect leak bugs floating around other browsers though. " – kuza55

Reading Redirects – Third example

- Soroush Dalili -

http://soroush.secproject.com/downloadable/XSUH_FF_1.pdf and
http://0me.me/demo/XSUH/XSUH_demo_firefox_all_in_1.html

- Uses the IBOS non-approved term XSUH (should be XSLJ because it has cross-site ***and*** jacking in it!)
- `<script src="http://www.yahoo.com">`

Reading Redirects – Latest to be released

- Eduardo Vela -

http://eaea.sirdarckcat.net/weirdyes.php?loc=//www.google.com/profiles/me#//0x.lv/xss.php?plain_xss=

- Firefox only, same-origin policy bypass
- Referred to as XSLJ, making it officially IBOS compliant :)

Play Tool

- <http://0x.lv/xss.php?source>
- http://0x.lv/xss.php?status=307&redir_xss=http://slithy.org
- The tool was developed for XSS testing but is great for playing with redirection issues too :)

IBOS Work

- We are now accepting nominations for additional buzzwords to attach to the following issues:
- XSS + Clickjacking
- XSRF + HPP
- SQLi + XSS
- SJ + RFI

Thanks

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